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C. M. Johnston of Legion Dies

Carrie Morris (C. M.) Johnston, 52, 522 South Maybelle Ave., chaplain of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1 and of the 40 et 8, died at 1:12 a. m. Saturday, May 29, in a Tulsa hospital.

Full military honors were given at the graveside in the Legion plot in Memorial Park by Carson-Wilson Post, similar to the ones Mr. Johnston himself conducted many times for veterans. Funeral services were at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Moore's Memory chapel.

Mr. Johnston, considered one of the most loyal Legion officers since assuming the chaplaincy 4 years ago, had lived in Tulsa 15 years.

He was in ill health since before undergoing an operation in February. He received treatment in the Veterans hospital at Muskogee from April 28 until May 18 and re-entered a hospital here May 21.

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1895, he enlisted for service in World War I while engaged in railroad work at Waycross, Ga., June 30, 1918. He went to France with Company F, Sixty-sixth Engineers, and was mustered out of service May 23, 1919.

He came to Tulsa from Chicago about 1933 and was employed as a Frisco switchman in the West Tulsa yards at the time of his death. He would have been eligible for retirement later this year.

Mr. Johnston found time from his regular employment to handle about 300 military funerals during his four-year tenure as the Legion chaplain. He also delivered more than two score funeral sermons during the period.

He served as an officer of the 40 et 8 chapter and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and St. Paul's Methodist Church. He had acted this year as the Legion post's radio chairman and was first district Legion chaplain in 1945-46.

The funeral services were rected by Rev. Robert Thompson, pastor of St. Paul's Church. Fellow railroad workers were honorary pallbearers.

Legion Commander Joe Herman was in charge of the military burial rites. H. K. Nelson, assistant chaplain, took the part Mr. Johnston formerly assumed.

The Legion band, directed by Eddie Gambill, lead the funeral procession into the cemetery. Legionnaires were active pallbearers and formed the firing squad.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, Joseph, and a grand son, Joseph, Jr., both of Chicago.

The 1948 annual reunion of the 30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Division Association, composed of veterans of five European campaigns of World War II, will be held in New York, July 1 to 3.

In Memory of our Beloved Chaplain

Mere words can't express the sorrow
That each feels in his heart
Because of the noble character
With whom today we had to part.

His life was an inspiration
To his comrades every day
And we felt a tinge of the heavenly
When he bowed his head to pray.

It doesn't seem a reality—
We think no one can take his place,
But we'll face the task before us
With the spirit he would have us face.

Yes, we will not falter,
But to his spirit we will be true,
And with his example to guide us
We can't help but carry through.

So farewell, Beloved Chaplain—
Though your chair is vacant now,
Your image is in our memory,
As our heads we reverently bow.

We will strive to be better members—
Each and every day,
And for your courage, faith and comradeship
A prayer of thanks we say.

—Irene Gaddis.



CHAPLAIN JOHNSTON

IN MEMORIAM

MEMORIAL DAY, 1948, will surely live in the minds of all members of Carson-Wilson Post and its Auxiliaries, for years to come.

It was on this day that our beloved Chaplain, C. M. Johnston, was laid to rest. "C. M." as he was called by most everyone who knew him, was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, on November 11th, 1895. He enlisted for service in World War I while engaged in railroad work at Waycross, Georgia, June 30th, 1918. He went to France with Company F, Sixty-sixth Engineers, and was mustered out of service May 23, 1919. He served as Chaplain of Carson-Wilson Post for the past five years and held that office when he passed away on May

29th, at 1:12 a. m.

He was appointed Chaplain of the First District, and served honorably during the years of 1945-1946. It was as First District Chaplain in June, 1946, that he conducted a Memorial Service at St. Paul Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This Memorial Service will be remembered by many as a fitting tribute to our buddies of both world wars.

Chaplain Johnston found time from his regular employment, to serve as chaplain for the burial of some 300 or more of his comrades during his tenure as Legion Chaplain. He also delivered more than two score of funeral sermons during his period of service as our Chaplain.

Legionnaire C. M. Johnston was taken ill last February and was hospitalized at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa. After a major operation, he returned home. He was evidently on the road to recovery, when he was again stricken the latter part of April and was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Muskogee, Oklahoma. After two weeks, he asked and was given permission to be returned to his home. In three days, he was sent to Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa, where he passed away on May 29th, 1948. Funeral services were held from Moore's Memory Chapel on Monday, May 31, at 4 p. m. Reverend Robert Thompson, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church directed the services and expressed his feeling, saying "Chaplain Johnston often visited with me and told me of the goodness he had in his heart, not only for his buddies, but for all humanity as well."

At his death Chaplain Johnston
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Legion Will Sponsor 46 Boys' States for 16,000 Youngsters

Approximately 16,000 high school juniors the nation over will attend 46 American Legion Boys' States that have now been scheduled definitely for June, July and August.

This is a new record for this American Legion youth-training program. The 1948 Boys' State total may be raised to 48 if Oregon and Rhode Island enter into the program.

North Carolina and West Virginia will conduct two Boys' States, as each also has set up an encampment for colored youths.

Thirty-seven of the Boys' States will be held in June, six in July, two in August, and one, in Delaware, already has been conducted.

"Boys' State is one of the finest youth-training activities sponsored by The American Legion," said National Commander James F. O'Neil. "It is a program in which boys learn by doing. They learn how democratic government works and what the citizen role is in self-government by setting up a mythical 49th state and operating it in all its state functions, including legislation and law enforcement."

June Boys' Home

In the majority of states these encampments are held on university or college campuses thru the cooperation of education leaders.

The 37 Boys' States scheduled for June follow:

Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, June 5-11; Arizona, at Flagstaff, May 28 to June 4; Arkansas, at Little Rock, May 29 to June 5; California, at Sacramento, June 19 to 26; Connecticut, at Wallingford, June 27 to July 3; Florida, at Tallahassee, June 20 to 26; Georgia, at College Park, June 6 to 13; Idaho, at Boise, June 6 to 12; Illinois, at Springfield, June 20 to 27; Indiana, in Indianapolis, June 12 to 19th; Iowa, at Des Moines, June 6 to 13; Kansas, at Wichita, June 6 to 13; Kentucky, at Fort Knox, June 13 to 19; Massachusetts, at Amherst, June 22 to July 1; Michigan, at East Lansing, June 17 to 25; Oklahoma, at Norman, June 4 to 12th.

First in New Mexico

Mississippi, at Jackson, June 6 to 12; Missouri, at Boonville, June 12 to 19; Nebraska, at Lincoln, June 5 to 12; Nevada, at Reno, June 13 to 20; New Jersey, at New Brunswick, June 20 to 27; New Mexico, at El Rito, June 6 to 13; New York, at Hamilton, June 27 to July 3; North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, June 13 to 20; North Carolina, at Durham, for colored boys, June 13 to 20; North Dakota, at Fargo, June 13 to 20; Ohio, at Delaware, June 12 to 22; Oklahoma, at Norman, June 4 to 12; South Carolina, at Columbia, June 20 to 26; South Dakota, at Aberdeen, May 30 to June 5; Tennessee, at Lebanon, June 1 to 8; Texas, at Austin, June 6 to 13; Vermont, at Northfield, June 20 to 26; Washington, at Ellensburg, June 17 to 26th; West Virginia, at Weston, June 6 to 12; West Virginia, at Camp Carnes, for colored boys, June 13 to 19; Wisconsin, at Ripon, June 12 to 19; and Wyoming at Casper, June 20 to 26.

A total of 275 American Legion Junior Baseball graduates is playing with the two major league clubs this year and more than 3,000 others in the 58 minor loops.

4th of July Program Well Under Way

As in past years, the Post will present the annual fireworks show on July 5 at the Fairgrounds.

Programs are being printed, a good contract has been drawn up and tickets are printed and in the hands of ticket sellers. The program is nearly completed, and Legionnaires are hoping to make it a bigger success than ever before.

This year, the ticket sales have been placed in the charge of professional ticket sellers. This point caused much heated discussion pro and con at the Tuesday night meeting, with both factions presenting their views on the subject.

A speaker, name not announced, has been arranged for the program. Fred Waring's choir will be on the program also, it was reported.

Ralph Talbot has indicated he may arrange for movie stars to be here for the program.

The Veterans Cab Company has promised to carry signs on their cabs advertising the show. Bumper signs will be made available to all Legionnaires and you are all asked to use them on your cars, to spread the word around about this show.

During the discussion on the show, Bob Brown made a motion that a full report on the outcome, financial, etc., be made within one month after the show. The motion was duly seconded, and then another heated argument started. Fred England finally moved that the motion be tabled, and it was carried.

Past Legion Commander Cobb of Oklahoma Dead

Oklahoma City.—Randall S. Cobb, 51, a past department commander of the Oklahoma American Legion is dead here. He served as commander during 1940-41. He was attorney general of Oklahoma during World War II. Cobb is survived by his widow and daughter, the latter a student at the University of Oklahoma.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

MRS. H. E. GLASER
Publicity Chairman

Mrs. Sam Craig, general poppy chairman, gave a splendid report on this year's poppy sale, which by the way was the largest ever. She reported that 73,600 poppies were ordered from and 11,900 returned to the Muskogee Hospital, leaving 61,700 to be sold. Part of the 8,500 that we did not sell were made into funeral and memorial sprays. The remainder will be used to decorate Auxiliary floats for our parades. \$7,300.78 was collected from the poppy sales, \$3,085.00 was paid for the poppies leaving a balance of \$4,215.78 in our child welfare and rehabilitation fund to be used for assisting deserving sick and disabled veterans and their families.

A Pan-Americanism program will be broadcast from station KFMJ on Lucille Burns' Civic Forum Tuesday, June 8 at 1:15 p.m. Mrs. Brock, Unit Pan-Americanism Chairman, will be the speaker and will introduce Mrs. H. E. Glaser and Sara Louise who will present a program of Spanish songs. They will sing "It's the Pan-American Way" by Mrs. Opal Harrison Williford, one of our own members. Mrs. J. H. Milburn will accompany them.

Mrs. C. O. Gittinger, Unit Girls' State chairman, reported that the five girls whom our Auxiliary has secured to attend Girls' State from Tulsa will meet with her at the Student Union at T. U. at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 3 to receive their tickets, instructions, etc. The girls and their sponsors are: Maxine Didlot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Didlot, 5127 South 33rd W. Ave., from Webster, sponsored by the Cooperative Club; La Nora Dixon, 2740 East 45th Place, from Central, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; Beatrice Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crawford, 415 East 15th St., Zone 5, from Central sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; Joyce McDowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banks McDowell, Sr., 2440 E. 14th Pl., from Will Rogers, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club; and Ada Eliz-

abeth Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Spurge Neely, 2835 East Eighth, from Will Rogers, sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club. Girls' State will be held June 6 to 12 at Chickasha with Mrs. O. B. (Nina) Grimmer, Director.

THE NEW LOOK!

(Indianapolis.—Grave decision for American Legion committee-men, that is).

In the happy Hoosier region, Where they always do things right, Seven members of the Legion Face a rather awkward plight.

They must pick the new attire, Of the lady Legionnaire. Solomon would not aspire To employ his judgment there!

The "new look" in official uniforms for the 250,000 women members of The American Legion has been settled, it is hoped, to the satisfaction of all the fair Legionnaires, thanks to the "statesmanship" of the National Emblem and National Executive Committees.

The seven male members of the National Emblem Committee, headed by Chairman D. L. Haffner of Garrett, Ind., grappled with their \$64 question for many months, pleaded in vain with department commanders and adjutants for help, canvassed 201 all-women's posts and then came up with a decision worthy of old King Solomon himself.

They recommended that women Legionnaires be given the choice of three official uniforms to wear.

The National Executive Committee in its wisdom showed not the least inclination to question the findings and speedily approved them.

Three Uniforms Official

As a result all the women veterans of both World Wars in The American Legion today have their choice of wearing any of the following uniforms styles with the knowledge they are orthodox and official.

1. The old World War I style of blouse and skirt which the National Emblem Committee retained as official because it looks good" in sizes up to No. 40.
2. The one-piece, shirt-waist type of dress uniform advocated by the Cincinnati, Ohio, Greater Women's Post 644.

3. The Eisenhower Jacket with a six-gored skirt. (Don't ask what a "gored skirt" is. It stumped the members of both committees).

The Emblem Committee also recommended and the NEC approved, an optional modified American Legion cap for women Legionnaires. It is of the overseas type worn by the WACS and WAVES during World War II. It has a rounded contour.

A delegation from the Greater Cincinnati All-Women's Post No. 644 attended the final session of the National Emblem Committee for last ditch successful stand for the one-piece, shirt-waist type of dress uniform. The Cincinnati girls modeled this style for the committee and press representatives. Miss Mary K. Casey, ex-WAVE and adjutant of Post

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644, said the post now had 40 members and each of them now had this dress uniform. She proudly claimed a record as the first 100% uniformed post in the American Legion.

For the record, the members of the National Emblem Committee who coped with the "new look" problem are Chairman Haffner; W. Elliott Nefflen of Charleston, W. Va.; Louis Drago of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ben F. Dorris of Springfield, Oregon; Julius Levy of Uniontown, Pa.; Nicholas Scaramella of Boston, Mass.; and Col. Louis H. Renfrow of Washington, D. C.

Tracy to Show Colored Movies

At next Tuesday's meeting, it is planned to show color movies taken by Comrade Jack Tracy of the Memorial Day program, the Funeral Detail at work, and many other Legion activities.

Tracy bought the film and took the pictures himself at his own expense and said he would like to donate it to the Legion. A motion was made that the post reimburse him for his expenses, but he declined to accept it. That is true Legion spirit, and we all admire Tracy's unselfishness.

Tracy won the door prize Tuesday night, and not a man in the Post begrudged it to him—he really deserved it.

Evans Touring Kansas For Legion Junior Ball

Topeka, Kans. — All-American halfback Ray Evans, of the University of Kansas, has been signed by Department Adjutant Irvin L. "Click" Cowger for a two-week tour of the state in the interest of American Legion Junior Baseball. The itinerary covers more than a dozen towns.

Two films are being shown at each Junior Baseball rally. One deals with The American Legion's sandlot baseball program for teenage booyes. The other is the Kansas-Georgia Tech Orange Bowl football game at Miami, Florida.

Evans is a member of the Dorsey-Liberty Post 14 of Lawrence, Kansas. He played American Legion Junior Baseball in Kansas City as a youth.

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In Memoriam

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was also serving as Aumonier (Chaplain) of Voiture No. 185, 40 et 8 of Tulsa.

For some time past he had been formulating plans to raise funds for the purpose of sending the Carson-Wilson Band to the National Convention to be held at Miami, Florida, next October.

Many are the good deeds Chaplain Johnston did for the members of the Legion, their widows and orphans. Often times he would be called from his home to assist some buddy or his family in distress. He appeared before the County Judge of Tulsa County many times, to have some buddy committed to the hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas, rather than have him sent to the state institution at Vinita or elsewhere. He is survived by his faithful wife, Mary, of the home; his son, Joseph, and grandson, both of Chicago. Two foster children—Mrs. Nadine Vickery of Tulsa and John Lovejoy, soloist.

George Howard, photographer. Legion Color Bearers—

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Charles Cole
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Dick Tankersley

Firing Squad of Carson-Wilson Post No. 1—

Ernie Goin, captain
Glenn Coddington
Sgt. Charles Evans of the U. S. Army, stationed at Salina, Kan. Full military rites were held in the Legion Plot at Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

The body was escorted to the grave by the Carson-Wilson band under the direction of Legionnaire Eddie Gambill. That was his last wish, as he loved this band so well. Also in attendance were a large gathering of Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, of the Forty and Eight and the Eight and Forty. Not only has the Legion lost a valuable member, but his passing will also be a loss to his community, state and the Legion at large.

ACTIVE DETAIL

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Boys State Boys Guest at Meeting

Guests at the Tuesday meeting were a group of boy delegates to the next Boys State.
 The boys included:
 Jim Kirkpatrick, Bob Wieneke, John Smith, Jr., Allen Irwin, Jim Cantrell, Dick Chappel, Alvin Bush, Hugh Pierce and Ronald Smithhouse.

New Legion-Red Cross Accord On Disaster Relief in Making

Indianapolis.—A tentative new agreement for maximum cooperation in disaster relief has been drafted between The American Legion and the American Red Cross, subject to the approval of the governing bodies of both organizations. It would replace the understanding reached in 1938.

"The proposed new agreement would give full recognition to the resources, manpower and personnel of both organizations in the field of disaster relief," said National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley of The American Legion here. "The new act would furnish a basis for a cooperative plan of action that would best serve the interest of those who suffer from disaster."

Adjutant Dudley explained the purpose of the proposed new agreement would be for The American Legion to supplement the Red Cross in its disaster relief activities but not to duplicate them.

"The American Legion would make available the manpower of its 3,000,000 members and the facilities of its 17,000 posts to strengthen and make more effective the Red Cross program for disaster relief," Adjutant Dudley said.

Copies of the tentative new agreement have been submitted to members of the National Security Commission and of the Civil Defense Committee of The American Legion for their study and recommendations. Final approval of the new agreement will rest with the National Executive Committee.

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130 Legion Teams To Play This Season

CERTIFICATION DEADLINE JUNE 30, SAYS THOMPSON

Over 130 American Legion Junior Baseball teams have been organized for the 1948 season by 87 Posts, it was announced today by Leck Thompson, Department Americanism Officer.

With the June 30th deadline for certifying teams to Department Headquarters drawing near, team sponsors are gathering birth certificates, school records, and other documentary materials that are needed to certify the eligibility of the players.

Mr. Thomason stated that the rules permit each team to carry 16 players into tournament play. Every team must have a Legion manager, but may use non Legion members as coaches. A player must not have reached his 17th birthday prior to January 1, 1948, and must have a birth certificate on file with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, in the state of his birth. The certificate must be filed prior to January 1, 1948.

A new rule changes the basis for recruiting teams from population to school enumeration. Boys from more than one school may combine into a team, if the combined enrollment of schools does not exceed 2,000 students.

Leagues Organized

Four districts have organized baseball leagues. The Oklahoma County League, which expanded to include several Cleveland County teams, began play May 22, with 64 games scheduled before the district tourney.

A newly organized league in the eighth district lists 12 strong teams while the fourth district loop includes 10 nines.

The first district is also organizing a league.

Thomason stated that each district would conduct a district tournament prior to August 5, to qualify one team to participate in the Department Tournament. The double elimination rule will apply in all tourney play and the Department champions will compete in the National sectional contest at Mason City, Iowa, August 22-25.

District Junior Baseball Chairmen are:

C. B. Witcraft, Pawhuska, First District; Pat Jones, Muskogee, Second District; Morris Goldfeder, Hugo, Third District; Jack Frost, Shawnee, Fourth District; Hugh Abercrombie, Cushing, 5th District; Dr. E. E. Stohr, Geary and Fred J. Rice, Minco, Sixth District; John Gregg and Bill Williams, Altus, Seventh District, and Earl Crowder, Alva, Eighth District.

The Fred Jones team, sponsored by Tulsa Post No. 1, won the state tournament in 1947 while the Sluggers Award went to Henryetta.

A motion was made and carried that a resolution be drawn up memorializing our late Comrade C. M. Johnston. The entire post was in accord with the motion.

Commander Pres Moore Guest at Meeting

Pres Moore, commander of Legion Post 303, University of Oklahoma, a candidate for Department Commander, was a guest at the Tuesday night meeting and asked support of all members in his campaign.

A World War II veteran, Moore served with the infantry and later with the 13th Air Force, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He has long been active in Legion work, serving on the Foreign Relations committee at San Francisco in 1946, and serving in gas Department Foreign Relations committee chairman thru 1946-47.

He served as service officer at the Oklahoma University, and on the Department Finance committee in 1947. He was one of the originators of the bicycle safety campaign in Norman, and has vigorously pushed this program in an attempt to make it a state wide campaign.

Under Moore's guidance, his post has increased from 350 to 1,000 active members, and has actively participated in every phase of the great Legion program. Prior to the war, he was active in the Sons of the Legion in Bartlesville. His father, a disabled veteran of World War I, was active in the Legion until his death.

14 New Members During One Week

A gain of 14 members for the Carson-Wilson Post in one week was reported Tuesday night. That isn't a lot, but every one helps

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Retires After 39 Years of Service

Washington, D. C.—After 39 years of service in the federal government, Arthur Ruderman, commander of the Department of Commerce, Post 45 of The American Legion here, has retired. He went to work April 9, 1909, as assistant map printer for the Geological Survey. He is now the chief of the property and service section of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. He has announced he would continue to be active in American Legion affairs.

"On The Ball"

A motion that the post give a rising vote of thanks to Joe Herman for his work on funeral details in the past was made and carried at the Tuesday night meeting. Herman has been strictly "on the ball" at this job and we really owe him the thanks.

Band To Convention

Comrade Guy Belford, Jr., has been appointed chairman of a committee to carry on the work of the late departed comrade C. M. Johnston, in regards to sending our band to the Miami national convention. This project was originated by Johnston, and is a very worthy one.

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